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Moon Observations: Barometric pressure 1010 mb., 30.00 ins.  
Temperature 78.1 deg. F. Dew point 64 deg. F. Humidity 83%.  
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## Whales In The Clyde

Glasgow, Nov. 1.—Two whales worked their way up more than 20 miles of the River Clyde today to within a few hundred yards of the centre of the city. They dived and rolled and blew. Many of Glasgow's careful folk gathered to see the show, for which the 20-foot whales charged not a farthing.

Some ferry boats and other little vessels moved up the river away from the whale to keep from being damaged.

The Scots think the whales will live only a little while because the Clyde is dirty and oily and not clean like the sea where the whales lived before they got lost in Glasgow.—Associated Press.

## Three Air Crashes Bring 19 Deaths

Oklahoma City, Nov. 1.—Separate air crashes involving two military planes and one civilian-operated aircraft claimed 19 lives in Oklahoma and Texas today.

Thirteen lives were lost when an Air Force C-47 transport crashed in a thunderstorm near Muldrow, scattering bodies and shattered parts over a wide area.

Officials of the Denver Producing and Refining Company here announced that the bodies of the firm's millionaire President and three other persons had been found near the wreckage of their plane near Roaring Springs, Texas. The plane had been missing since last Thursday.

Still another crash occurred near Temple, Oklahoma, sending two occupants of an Oklahoma National Guard B-25 to their death.—United Press.

## Telegrams Hold Up

The Chinese Government Radio-Telegraph Administration has informed Cable and Wireless that owing to labour troubles in Tientsin all telegrams to that city, other than Government and Press telegrams, are subject to delay until further notice.

## EDITORIAL

### Control Of Vacant Premises

NOW that Government has taken the place and interest itself in a practical way in trying to suppress the "key money" racket and forcing property owners to make residential premises available to those who urgently need accommodation, the public will look for a campaign energetically pursued. The requisitioning of 35 premises may be regarded as a token gesture; there are many more vacant flats and houses in the Colony which should come under official control. So far Government has concerned itself only with pre-war property, all of which is subject to the conditions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. In so doing, Government is, apparently, seeking less to solve the accommodation problem, as such, than to stamp out premium irregularities. In effect they are companion evils: the demand for residences involves demands for excessive premiums. Moreover, there has been created the seemingly paradoxical situation where "key money" is illegal for one type of dwelling house and legal for another. Thus those who build domestic property legally are entitled immediately to recover as much of their costs as they possibly can, this being justified in some quarters by the mathematical proposition that, because of building costs, it is necessary to charge a monthly rental of \$100 in order to obtain a return of four and a half percent on capital outlay; the alternative is to charge a premium. Mathematically, this may be correct, but what is forgotten is that many landlords who build residential property today are by no means satisfied. They want their \$100,000 premium and also still

to charge anything up to \$800 a month rent. Thus complete freedom from control encourages abuse of the privilege, and the housing problem (i.e. finding accommodation for Hongkong's permanent residents) is no nearer solution. And even if there be a case for unrestricted charges for new property, there is no excuse for vacant premises. We wholeheartedly agree with the authorities taking over unlet houses and flats built before September, 1949, but we believe the same process should be applied to residences built since that date and still vacant. There can be no justification for any domestic premises being left unoccupied. If Government insists upon allowing landlords who have built new rental charges and premiums, Government should also lay it down that all such property, once habitable, must become occupied within a stated period, otherwise it will be subject to requisitioning and any other restrictions which the authorities feel necessary to impose. Government sees fit to encourage the speculative builder by placing him outside of the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance; but a corollary is needed—would-be tenants must be assisted in their perpetual search for accommodation by a declaration that where new premises are unoccupied after a stated period they shall come within the control of Government and the special allocating committee shortly to be created. When this has been done the public will begin to feel that Government is going some way towards meeting its responsibilities in connection with the housing problem.

## Reds Preparing For A Gigantic N. China Offensive

### NATIONALIST TROOPS MAY BE CAUGHT IN TRAP

Nanking, Nov. 1.—Authoritative sources said tonight that Red General Lin-piao's victorious Chinese Communist troops were massed for a gigantic offensive in North China, while political commissars took over the administration of Mukden in Manchuria.

Leaving only security forces in newly won Mukden, the Communists are sweeping southeastward toward China's "Dunkirk"—the Gulf of Chihli ports of Hulutao and Yingkow where the Nationalist armies are awaiting shipping to take them to North China.

A Government official said that because of inadequate transportation it was feared that the bulk of the troops and hundreds of thousands dollars worth of American equipment would be captured by the Reds.

Meanwhile, Premier Wong Wen-hao and Finance Minister Wan Yun-wu submitted their resignations due to the collapse of the price control policy. President Chiang Kai-shek rejected their resignations, asking that they carry on during this emergency period.

The United States consul in Peiping, warning that major battles soon may be fought in North China, advised 500 Americans in the Peiping-Tientsin area to "consider the advisability of evacuation at this time while normal transportation facilities are still available."

A circular to the Americans said that shipping facilities would be available to them between November 15 and December 1. It warned that Tientsin harbour is the only evacuation point in North China.

The Government's defence of North China—over 400 miles along the Great Wall from Suiyuan province to the Yellow Sea port of Shanhaiwan and including the important cities of Peiping and Tientsin—rested with General Fu Tso-yi.

Fu has available an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 men, including 100,000 loyal to him personally, with his "own" Suiyuan troops as the nucleus. He has fought many impressive victories in North China since the war and has held most of the key cities.

HAIRLINE CORRIDORS  
These cities, however, like Changchun and Mukden in Manchuria, are largely government-held islands in Communist territory. Except for

## Madame Chiang's Appeal To U.S.

Los Angeles, Nov. 1.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek today urged the United States to take immediate steps to help stabilize the Chinese currency. Her appeal was made in a telephone interview with the Los Angeles Mirror.

"What can the United States do right now to help China?" Madame Chiang was asked when she answered the telephone in Nanking.

She replied: "The United States can help China stabilize our new currency."

The Mirror said the interview "pointed-up fears of internal collapse of China as a result of the Chinese Communist victories in the North."

There are about 200 to 250 Americans in the Tientsin Consular area, most of them in Tientsin.

SHIPS BOOKED OUT  
Present indications are less than 50 percent of the Americans will avail themselves of the advice and opportunity to withdraw.

Normal shipping out of Peiping is booked solid months ahead and it is possible LSTs will be used to evacuate those wishing to leave.

There is no question of American Consulates withdrawing. The policy is to remain where they are—a policy already applied in Mukden.

American Consul General in Peiping is Edmund C. Cobb, who formerly served in the same capacity in Mukden. In Tientsin it is Robert Smyth, who was with the U.S. Embassy in Chungking during part of the war. Both have had long experience in China.

Information received, meanwhile, said three Britons previously listed among those remaining in Mukden were flown out on October 29.

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## Warships For Tsingtao Reported

Washington, Nov. 1.—The United States Navy Department said last night that they were unable officially to confirm the arrival of American warships, Reprisals Task Force 38, at Tsingtao, the north China port where the United States has a naval base and which is in the line of the present Communist advance.

The Department said that two carriers, the Tarawa and Princeton, belonging to Task Force 38, had left the Naval Base of San Diego, California, a month ago on a routine cruise to the Far East.

Each carrier has a displacement of 27,100 tons, mounts 12 five-inch guns, carries 82 aircraft normally and has a complement of 2,000.

Washington quarters also said the recent drastic setbacks to President Chiang Kai-shek had speeded a complete review of the United States policy on aid to China, which plays a decisive role in the conflict.

Ways of giving immediate effective assistance to the Chinese Government are under study in Washington, but it is uncertain whether such methods can be found, these sources added. Any reorganization or extension of aid would take many weeks.

Authoritative sources in Nanking, the Chinese Nationalist capital, said the Government had agreed that all future military aid would be sent direct to United States Navy ships to North China, where General Fu Tso-yi the most successful of the anti-Communist leaders, is in command.

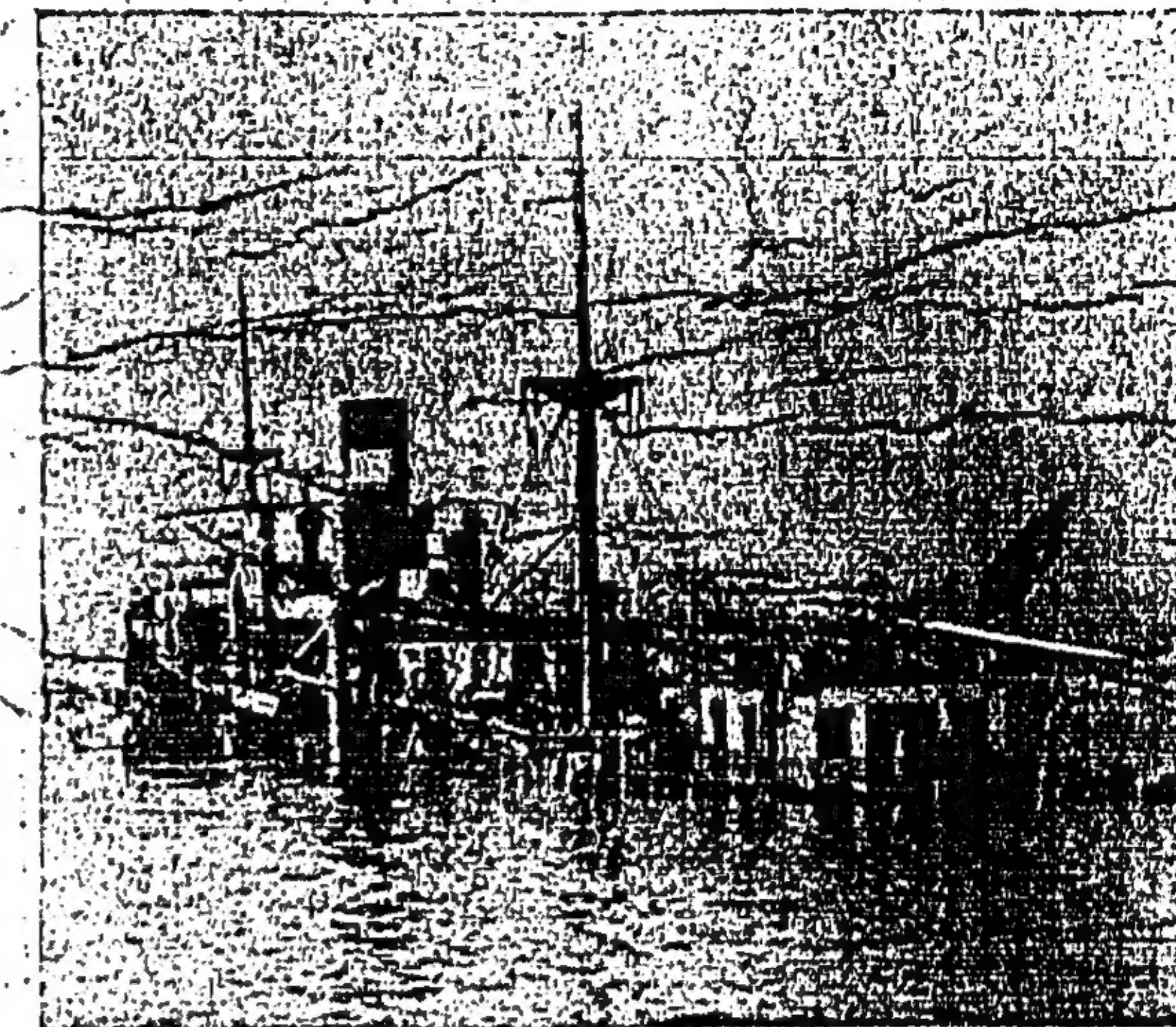
This was agreed with Admiral Oscar Badger, the Commander of the United States Western Pacific Fleet now stationed in Tsingtao.

This agreement, coupled with the belief that American aid will stay for any ultimate Red occupation.

There are roughly 675 Americans in the Peiping Consular area, most of them in Peiping.

About 150 of this total are official families.

## Beached In K'loon Harbour



With her stern awash, the Russian ship Poltava rests on the sea bed in Kowloon Harbour after her collision last evening with the Blue Funnel freighter Eumaeus near Lyemun.—Picture by Staff Photographer.

## Jews Refuse To Quit Lebanese Territory

Haifa, Nov. 1.—Jewish forces today refused requests by United Nations observers to withdraw from positions occupied by them in Lebanese territory, a United Nations spokesman said here tonight.

He added that the Jews have occupied strategic heights and a village in Lebanese territory southwest of Metulla, on the Palestine frontier, but that factually there was no actual penetration as the maximum depth of the Jewish advance is only three miles.

## KINOSHITA ILL

### War Crimes Trial Adjourned

The War Crimes trial of two Japanese former members of the Shanghai Gendarmerie on charges of allegedly being concerned in the ill-treatment of a number of civilian residents of Shanghai between 1942 and 1944 was this morning indefinitely adjourned owing to the illness of one of the accused, Lieut-Gen. Kinoshita Eiichi.

When the Court re-assembled this morning, only the second accused, Sgt Yoshida Bunzo, sat in the dock.

The Prosecutor, Major Peter Clague, F.A. (Deputy Assistant Director of Army Legal Services, GHQ, FARELF), produced a medical certificate, signed by the Medical Officer of Stanley Prison Hospital, stating that Kinoshita was suffering from enteritis and was unable to attend Court.

The President (Lieut-Col. L. A. Massie, Royal Scots Fusiliers) then adjourned the trial.

The time and date when the Court will resume will be announced when known.

The case, which concerns atrocities committed at Bridge House (headquarters of the Shanghai Gendarmerie), and other places of detention in the northern city, has had six hearings so far.

Street-Sleeper  
Murdered

Shortly after one o'clock this morning, a constable on patrol duty in Queen's Road West saw a man lying in a pool of blood near house No. 334. Examining closely, he found that the man was already dead, and near the body was a blood-stained chopper.

The dead man was a Chinese, and was dressed in a white shirt and blue trousers. People in the vicinity reported that he was a street-sleeper, and was in the habit of sleeping in the locality.

Police have not yet established the identity of the man, but are investigating.

## Relentless Corruption Inquiry Promised

London, Nov. 1.—Sir Hartley Shawcross, Attorney-General, promised "every assistance in quite relentlessly investigating" allegations of bribery and corruption against Ministers and civil servants when the special tribunal of inquiry held its first sitting today.

After a 35-minute discussion of procedural matters, the tribunal adjourned until November 16 when it will begin to hear evidence.

Today's preliminary session, held in a small King's Bench Division court room in the Royal Courts of Justice, opened in a glare of publicity such as seldom attends the solemn judicial procedure in England.

Thirty photographers crowded around the entrance to the law courts in the rain waiting to snap the members of the tribunal, the Attorney-General and King's Counsel representing the persons involved in the inquiry.

Members of the public, some just curious law students, and a few with a personal interest in the inquiry, arrived early to line up for the 32 seats in the public gallery close to the ceiling of the sombre, sixty by forty-foot court room.

FULL PRESS GALLERY  
Scores of reporters overflowed the tiny press gallery, filling the jury box and adjacent seats.

The tribunal was established last week by Parliament after Mr Clement Attlee (Prime Minister), speaking in the Commons last Wednesday, had set forth the allegations which had been offered, or Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

In his statement, Mr Attlee said that last August the President of the Board had been informed of charges that Mr Belcher and other Ministers officials had been offered, or had received, bribes in respect of the withdrawal of a prosecution against a certain firm of football pool betting promoters, and in respect of the allocation of paper to the same firm.

The Board of Trade announced on October 18 that at his own request, Mr Belcher had been granted leave of absence from his duties pending the completion of the inquiry.

Mr Belcher was not present at today's session. He was represented by Mr Alick Watson, as his leading Counsel, and Mr Leslie Hale, Labour Member of Parliament, as his solicitor.—Reuter.

Attempted  
Sabotage Foiled

Singapore, Nov. 2.—The police on Monday frustrated a Communist attempt to cut the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore railway.

A Malay cyclist reported that the railway line had been tampered with near Klang in Johore. Police rushed to the scene and removed 14 slabs of gun cotton which were ready to be detonated.

The police announced that they killed one Chinese woman and two men who opened fire when a patrol approached a suspected Communist house in Selangor state.

Meanwhile, Communists raided a rubber estate in Johore state burning a rubber factory.

In Pahang, Communists wounded two unarmed Chinese, who were prominent members of the Kuomintang.—Associated Press.

## Strikers Seize And Lock Up Security Guards

Paris, Nov. 1.—Strikers rounded up Republican security guards and locked them in a courtyard in a pit-head battle at Cransac, southwestern France, today. Several non-striking workers were injured.

The guards, sent to take over the pit, won the second round of the battle, however, when reinforcements arrived an hour later and released the captives.

The police today offered special protection to miners willing to return to work, after week-end violence in which mobs entered 12 non-striking houses at Douai in the north, smashed windows and flung furniture into the streets.

A mining engineer and his wife were injured by an improvised bomb near their home at Weziers in the same area. It was rebuilt tonight.

Six people were reported to have been arrested after these incidents. Troops had not completed their occupation of the pits in the northern coalfield, and intimidation of non-striking workers was said by observers to be increasing.

In Southern France, the Prefect of the Tarn Department, announced that police reinforcements would protect miners who resumed duty at the Carmaux pits tomorrow.

Because of the public holiday for All Saints Day, there was a slight relaxation today in the Government scheme to use troops for unloading coal ships at ports where dockers have refused to handle them.

One million Communist heavy industry workers may be urged to strike for higher wages after the Executive Council of the Communist Iron and Steel Workers Federation meets in Paris on Friday.—Reuter.



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## WOMANSENSE

SNUG FIT, SHORT HAIR, FOR WINTER



Old rose taffeta, trimmed with  
**CLOCHE LEADS  
HATS PARADE**

By PATRICIA LENNARD

THE leading shape for winter hats is the cloche. Judging from autumn and winter hat shows, the cloche is the most popular. It is the only hat that is truly new. Every other hat style—fedoras, bonnets or draped turbans—is just a little deeper, just a little rounder, to give that snug, small head that seems to typify next winter's fashions.

And with the new small and close-fitting hats, say leading hairdressers, the hair will be worn short—curly and forward, never more than about 4 to 6 inches long.

Amber and Brown

All the new colours have a good deal of soft yellow in them—amber and soft brown tones and even a hint of green.

The colour "Lover's Blush" turns out to be somewhat apocryphic, a rose magenta shade. Fur felts and top-quality velours were favourite materials, trimmed often with corduroy, fur and birds.

Birds: Easily the most horrid hats seen for some time were those (sometimes with muffs to match) littered with the entire heads and bodies of young birds, sometimes nearly a dozen per hat.

There were also some magnificent hats in felt, swathed in velvet or covered in plumage, again with matching bag or other accessory. Nice touch: Gloves were matched to hats, or their trimmings, in soft bright pastels.

## BREAKFAST FOR TOMORROW

ONE of the best ways of coping with the early morning rush is to cook breakfast the night before. In this way, in the minimum of time, you can provide your family with a satisfying meal on which to start the day. Here are some breakfast dishes, all of which can be prepared, or part-prepared, beforehand. The quantities are for four.

## SAUSAGE LOAF

Ingredients: 8 oz. sausage meat, 2 level tablespoons finely chopped onion or leek, 1 level tablespoon chopped pickle, 3 oz. breadcrumbs, pinch of mixed herbs, pinch of pepper, 1½ level teaspoons salt, 2 tablespoons stock or milk.

Method: Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Turn into a greased basin, cover and steam for 1½ hours. Serve cold, as a breakfast sausage.

## FISH TOAST

Ingredients: 3 oz. cooked fish, 2 oz. mashed potato, 1 level tablespoon chopped parsley, 2 level tablespoons chopped onion, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 level teaspoon made mustard, salt and pepper to taste, ½ oz. margarine, 4 slices of toast.

Method: Flake the fish and mix it with the other ingredients. Mix to form a smooth paste. In the morning spread on rounds of toast and brown under grill.

## BREAKFAST PRUNES

Method: Wash the prunes, cover with water and soak overnight. They will be ready to serve in the morning without cooking.

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Antiques

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—Director William Wyler collected more than 200 antiques, all more than 100 years old, for his production, "The Heiress," and the property department is busy destroying their value by making them look like new.

"The Heiress" is supposed to take place in 1848 in a fashionable house on New York's Washington Square. The furniture was supposed to be a new-looking, well-kept mixture of English Regency and Empire styles. The set decorator, Emile Kuri, spent a month prowling through New York, Washington and Baltimore antique shops to collect the pieces. His purchases, a collector's dream, include:

## Antiques

A 1780 secretary by Hepplewhite, an 1815 pianoforte, an 1820 spinet, an English-made table dated 1790 made from every known kind of fruit wood inlaid on rosewood; French horseshair footstools; 24 chairs made in England about 1790; fire screens, miniatures, painted on ivory, crystal, Venetian glass, hard-blown crown glass; lamps from France, and old-fashioned iron garden furniture.

Many of the pieces are so old they've been attacked by termites. All the wood had to be treated, and many things repolished and restored. Kuri's biggest problems were getting horsehair for a footstool and matching the velvets and brocades of the period.

Wyler wanted the real furnishings because he thought they would make the Paramount picture more realistic than imitations would.

The house, realistic piece Kuri found was a 130-year-old fireplace screen. An old metal tag on it reads:

"Made by Aunt Julie Rhineclander when a young girl of 18. From her home at 14 Washington Square, North."

Washington Square is the locale of "The Heiress."

LONDON'S LATEST  
HAIR STYLES—Two of  
the outstanding hair-dos  
created at the Fellowship  
of Hair Artists' display  
in London are the  
"Britannia" left, and  
"Lend" right. The  
Britannia is tinted a  
pale lavender. Lend  
is ivory.



## RED RYDER



## The Heat's On



## BY FRED HARMAN



## Beauty Care for Hands



A hand mask cream you can leave on all night is excellent if hands have become rough.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SAYS a beauty specialist: "Treat your hands as if they were two more faces you have to look after." The skin of the hands differs not a particle from the skin of the face, except in the treatment you give the latter. The complexion is reddened and pitted, creamed, powdered and protected. But the poor hands get only the leftovers of the cosmetic. Sometimes not even that. Considering that they are subjected to dust and hot water, they should have frequent anointings.

## CHILD WELFARE:

HOW TO CURE  
THE THUMB  
SUCKER

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, MD

THUMB-SUCKING is certainly not a habit to be encouraged, but neither is it so serious as to merit the heroic measures some parents use to prevent it.

The teeth of a child who sucks his thumb may grow in crooked, but otherwise thumb-sucking does not seem to be a harmful practice. Furthermore, once the pressure on the teeth from the thumb-sucking no longer exists, they readily go back to normal position.

## Popular Belief

Contrary to popular belief, thumb-sucking neither deforms the roof of the mouth, nor produces infections of the mouth or digestive upsets. Hence, if the habit cannot be broken by gentle means, doctors today believe it is better to let it go on until the child outgrows it than to shake his faith in himself by nagging and shaming him.

Thumb-sucking usually starts during the early months of life, particularly during the teething period. It often occurs just before the child falls asleep. If it persists after the baby is a year old, it is likely to continue until the youngster is between two and five years of age, and it is not unusual for it to persist into adult life.

Occasionally, the baby may suck fingers other than the thumb.

Now and then, when thumb-sucking is prevented by restraint, the child may develop the habit of tongue-sucking. This habit usually disappears during the second year of life.

## Mechanical Devices

In treating thumb-sucking, mechanical restraining devices to keep the baby from getting his finger into his mouth are not advised. Furthermore, putting bitter-tasting substances on the thumb is not a good thing to do. These things only seem to make the child more resistant to overcoming the habit and, as I said earlier, shaming or nagging is also to be avoided. During infancy, the habit needs no treatment.

It has been suggested by some that giving the child a pacifier will get rid of the thumb-sucking habit. Then later on, towards the end of the second year, the pacifier can be taken away. However, many do not believe this is a good idea.

## Underlying Cause

If the thumb-sucking continues after the first year of life, the underlying cause may be due to such things as over-fatigue, boredom, or nervousness. Seeing to it that the child gets plenty of rest and ample opportunity to play will bring good results.

In older children, the promise of a reward and appeals to the child's vanity or will-power may be of help. Sometimes, having the child wear a glove as a reminder about overcoming the habit will be useful. In any event, parents should not be greatly concerned about the thumb-sucking habit.

Thin, scrawny hands, especially, need plenty of friction with some creamy substance. Cocoa butter and lanoline are both recommended for this purpose. Thumb either one into the knuckles, friction it into the cuticle that surrounds the nails.

If you can spare time for the weekly manicure these busy days you are in luck. If you can't, you must learn how to give your nails the best possible care to keep them healthy and of good colouring.

Use emery boards for shaping, working from sides to centre. Apply a cuticle cream to loosen the cuticle from the nail fabric. While it is on, lift the flesh gently by sending the orange wood stick in small circles. If you push up any little shreds, snip them away with the curved, needle-point scissors, otherwise do not cutting at all. Continued cutting, especially at the sides of the nails, will cause the flesh to grow heavier.

Trim Topper  
For Autumn

By VERA WINSTON

THERE'S A SLICK, suave look about the new toppers, so it seems as though this most popular of coats is on the way to another successful season. Red wool is used for this autumn topper, red wool, all tricked out with black velvet for the collar and turnback cuffs. The coat is flared in back with an inverted box-pleat, with the front gracefully curved. It is shown here with a black velvet skirt and a red wool long sleeved blouse.

## Rapert &amp; Mr Punch—32



Rapert and most of the little people go back through the dirt by which they had entered, and stand gazing out to sea. The tide never goes out far enough for us to walk away from this cave," says Mr. Punch, "and none of us could row my boat all the way to Sandy Bay. It will only hold one, anyway. If I just row out and shout for help, you would give away the secret of our hiding place. ... Suddenly Rapert stops him. "I've got an idea that might work!" he cries.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**ESCAPING THE WINTRY BLASTS**—A happy bus load of German children alight at an airport in Berlin to be flown in an RAF Dakota to the British and American sectors of Germany. During the winter months, adequate medical and dietary care can be given to the children. Western authorities plan to evacuate about 8,000 ill and undernourished children and adults.



**LILLIPUTIAN LEADING LADY**—Although she is only seven, Gigi Perreau is gaining a reputation as one of the most accomplished young actresses in Hollywood. A star since she was two, she loves to cuddle her little dog as if it were a dolly, but he is much more fun.



**POUCHY PRIVACY**—Though six months old, Pouchy is too bashful to face his public. Chary of the camera lens, he pops back into his mother's pocket and nibbles on a lettuce leaf. He is the first addition to a family of wallabies at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo.



**IMPERIAL BEAUTY**—Fifty-eight-year-old Hatsuyuki Fukuba is busily working on the preservation of approximately 800 species of chrysanthemums grown from a single stem. For the past 24 years he has been taking care of the Imperial Gardens in Tokyo. At present, he is teaching gardening in the Japanese capital.



**"LITTLE HENRY" IS LITTLE**—Charles Wood, who put the world's first ram-jet helicopter, Little Henry, through its paces, holds the aircraft's spark plug (left). On the right, he is holding an ordinary motor car plug. The helicopter weighs 310 pounds.



**TAPS FOR U.S. WAR DEAD**—The flag-draped casket of one of more than 3,500 American soldiers killed in action in the Italian campaign is saluted in a Naples ceremony, during which the Italian Government paid tribute to fallen American soldiers. The bodies of the war dead are being shipped to the U.S. for burial.

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**DAMP ASSIGNMENT**—Choppy seas splatter over the gunwales of this Coast Guard cutter in New York Harbour. Alongside the liner Queen Elizabeth, the crew is tying up a gangway so that reporters, photographers and immigration officials can board the liner before it reaches the quay.

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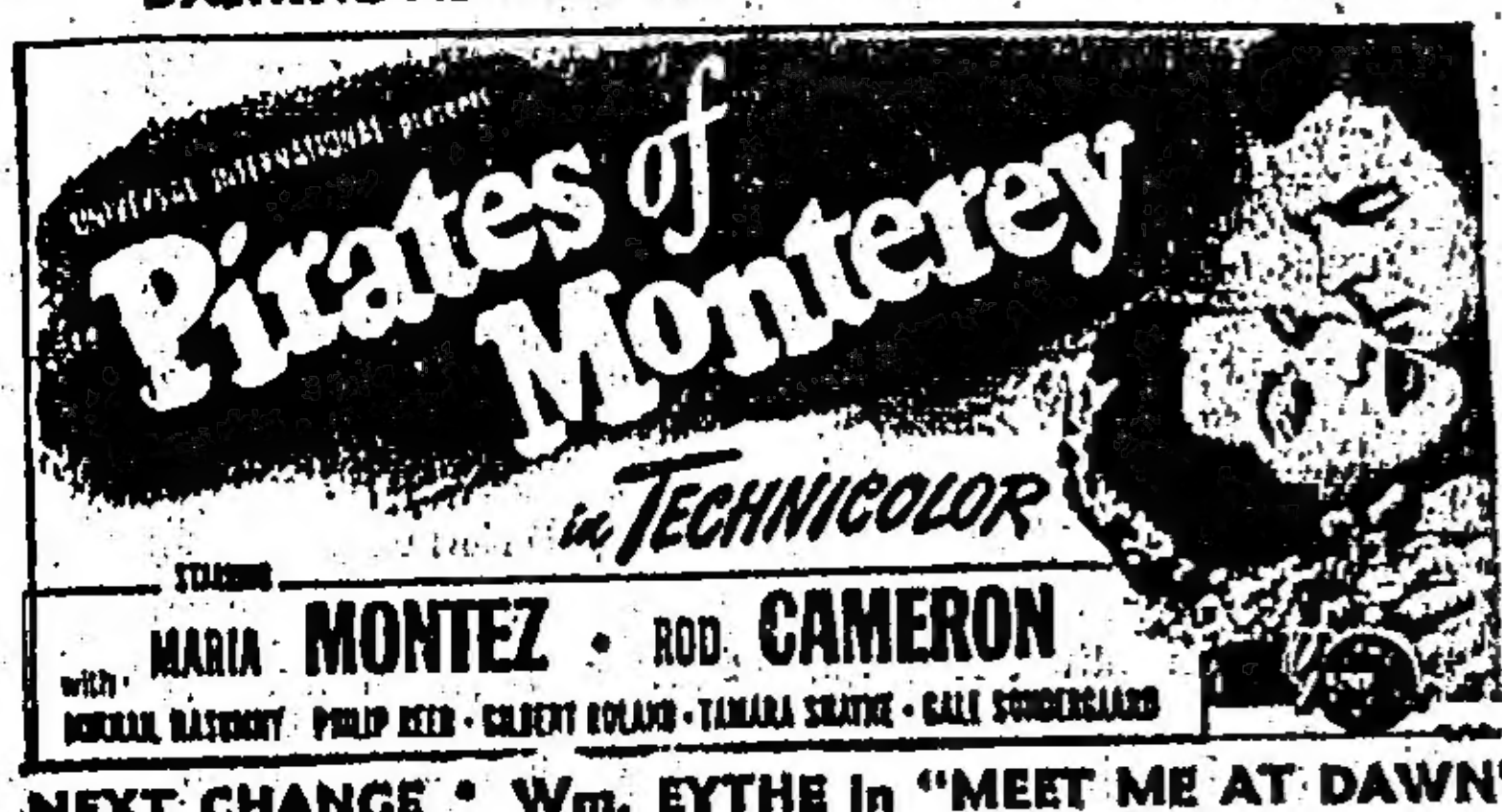
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# AMERICA GOES TO THE POLLS TODAY

## CAN DEWEY LOSE?

THE PEOPLE DISLIKE HIM—BUT HE WILL GET THEIR VOTES . . .



REPUBLICAN DEWEY

WASHINGTON.  
THE most important fact about the American presidential election is the extraordinary decline in the number of people who have registered as voters. Mr Dewey will win the election in an atmosphere of frenzied indifference.

A large number of Americans, conceding in advance the election of Mr Dewey, do not wish to vote either for him or against him. He is, practically speaking, the only candidate, so that if one does not wish to vote for or against Mr Dewey one may as well stay at home.

Many people will do so.

Mr Truman has made a campaign which would be suited to the parochial, the municipal, or at the very largest the county scale. He has attacked

On-the-spot report from  
**VINCENT SHEEAN**

the Eightieth Congress, with its Republican majority, from about six in the morning until ten at night, talking from the back platform of his special train, but he has never once admitted that the evil record of that Congress was made by a coalition of Republicans and Democrats.

Mr Dewey has taken a much higher tone throughout, because he is very well advised. His campaign has been, in fact, impeccable. But the instinct of the people does not warm to him just the same. The bigger he talks the smaller he looks.

Two Others

THERE are two other candidates—Henry Wallace, growing dizzier by the day in his effort to keep up with the acceleration of his insignificance, and Norman Thomas, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, an honourable citizen whom everybody respects and few will vote for.

Mr Thomas is in many lights the only candidate who could command universal esteem if he should incur the dreadful responsibility of office; but he has no remote chance of doing so.

Mr Wallace outdoes himself in promises and accusations, wild talk and wilder gestures, from one week to the next.

Strange Apparition

AMONG the more unbalanced young people in universities—that is, old enough to think they know and not old enough to realise anything—he has a fanatical following. It is his misfortune that the franchise has not been extended to those under 18.

The Truman apparition is in most aspects the strangest in the whole phantasm.

The President apparently thinks he can win and should win. He regards the rump Democratic party which he leads, without its left wing or

its right wing, as being the legitimate heir to the immense Roosevelt coalition, which included people of all parties, classes and notions.

It has proved impossible to convince Mr Truman that things have changed in the past three years. What, is more, he is using the language today which proved effective almost fifty years ago, and the expression "Wall Street," as meaning everything that is evil, corrupt and tyrannical in capitalism, is never far from his lips.

Atomic Energy

SINCE the whole country knows that his own Cabinet is run by men from Wall Street this sounds hollow indeed.

Mr Dewey is either far better advised or is far better able to take advice. His speeches are exceedingly good, and he has made no mistake worth noticing unless it was his rather enigmatic reference recently to the possibility of turning atomic energy over to private industry.

This hint—it was hardly more than that—was enough to conceal the blood of those who think about the future of the world. However, it had the merit or demerit of everything Mr Dewey says—that is, one does not know what he means. One knows only that he means to be President, and that he will be President. He is the American success story. Beyond that, what?

Pig In A Poke

THE electorate is, in fact, buying a pig in a poke, but every sign indicates that this is known and discounted. It has happened before. Nobody knew anything about Harding or Coolidge either. Dewey talks in the generalities which are called "safe." The people's instinct has dictated their course: they will let him be President, since he wishes it so much, but if he does not mind his p's and q's his tenure will be short.

Something might happen to upset the apparent certainty of the result. It is difficult to imagine what, but something might happen just the same.

Mr Dewey is on the thin edge of being ridiculous at all times. (In 1944 he lost millions of votes because Ethel Barrymore said he looked like "the bridegroom on a wedding cake," and the remark echoed from one end of the country to the other). It is conceivable that Mr Dewey might make a mistake.

Streamlined

STREAMLINED and air-conditioned as he is, this seems most unlikely. All of our fellow-citizens (except Mr Truman) think he will escort his perfection into the White House on the appointed day in January.

It will be the democratic necessity, therefore to accept him and help him in every way possible for the task whose weight is still unknown to him, and from what I hear in the highways and byways the American people, thinking him as they undoubtedly do, will still be capable of that effort.

## MRS OKSANA KASENKINA'S OWN STORY

INSTALMENT 21

THE five days and nights of my confinement to the third floor of the Soviet Consulate became a mounting nightmare for me. I had no rest. Presumably I was free to move about. In reality I found myself under domestic detention.

"Why do you keep me here? Why are you making a nervous wreck out of me?" I would keep asking either Lomakin or Cherpurnykh. "With all that noise outside and all those curiosity-seekers, why don't you let me go to Glen Cove?"

I hoped that at the Long Island estate, which was being used as a rest home for Soviet officials, I would find it possible to escape to freedom. But these pleas of mine fell on deaf ears.

"Skoro poyletem—we'll be leaving soon," Lomakin would answer, indicating that he, too, expected to journey back to Russia.

DEADLINE PASSES

ONE day Lomakin reported to me that Countess Tolstoy had declared to the press that I had a sister in England and that my husband had been purged. He feigned surprise at these facts which I had confided to Miss Tolstoy, and queried me about it in a significant tone.

There was no longer any doubt in my mind as to what fate had in store for me upon my return to Russia. The deadline for my appearance in court had passed, and those surrounding me now felt that I would not be surrendered to the American authorities for questioning.

I began to figure out possible ways and means of escaping. I feared that among the on-lookers in the street there might be Soviet agents planted by the Consulate to see if I were communicating by signals with confederates outside.

I virtually stopped taking food, which worried the Consul greatly. He would ask me if there were any appetising items

they could buy for me. I kept insisting that I wanted a change of quarters. I put on a pair of slacks and a jacket, and tried to relax. But I could find no peace.

To keep me entertained, the Consular women finally installed a little radio in my room. I could hardly understand what the news broadcasts were reporting about my case, but now and then I caught my name and those of the Consuls, and realised what a sensation the affair had become.

GRILLED IRON DOOR

I ASKED to be transferred downstairs. To show me that there was no other room available in the building I was taken down to the basement, which was used as a storeroom. After this I preferred to return to the third floor. I had noticed that there was a grilled iron door leading from the basement passageway into the courtyard.

"You can see that we have no space," Lomakin assured me, "but you can come downstairs any time you want to. You are free to go about as you please." The implication was that my stay in the Consulate was all for my protection.

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 12, I decided to put Lomakin's words to the test and make an attempt to get out. I dressed for the street, put on my gloves, and boldly walked downstairs, making for the front door.

SURROUNDED SUDDENLY

SUDDENLY I was surrounded by a band of men. There must have been twenty of them and they seemed to have sprung out from every corner.

"Where are you going?" "You mustn't leave." "Don't you see what's going on in the street?"

"Go back to your room!" Lomakin himself appeared. "Podninyte!—Up you go!" he snarled, repeating the order.

"Why did you do this?" they asked. "Do you think that you're under arrest?" Zoya remarked with a sly smile.

"Why?" I cried, breaking into sobs. "They don't let me go out. I'm stifling here without air. I'm no longer my own self, and can't sit still or rest."

I sat there smoking furiously. "What shall I do now?" I kept saying to myself. "I must do something. I must do something!"

LEAP TO FREEDOM

THE little girl began to cry too. To quiet her I went across the hallway to Lomakin's alcove to get a soft drink out of the refrigerator for the child. The door from the alcove to Lomakin's living room was ajar. I noticed that the window in the back was open.

I poured out the drink for the little girl and took it to her. Her mother and Petrova were in my room. They were trying to soothe the tot with the cold beverage.

I made a dash for Lomakin's room, closing the door behind me. I climbed up to the window sill, saw a wire attached at the outside wall of the house, and looked down as I shivered with a chill of terror. I crossed myself, seized the wire, and leaped.

In an instant I was lying down in the courtyard in a heap. And I was alive! I had not lost consciousness. As it appeared later, I had burned the two fingers which gripped the wire as I slid a short distance down before I pulled it off the building. It was a telephone wire and fell all about me.

TO HOSPITAL

AS I was groaning and calling for help, there were outcries and sounds of alarm in the air above me. There were people fumbling at the iron door leading from the Consulate building into the courtyard. As I only learned subsequently, the door had been locked long ago, and the Soviet officials could not locate the key for several minutes.

The American police officers, having climbed over a fence separating the Consulate grounds from the adjoining building, were at my side.

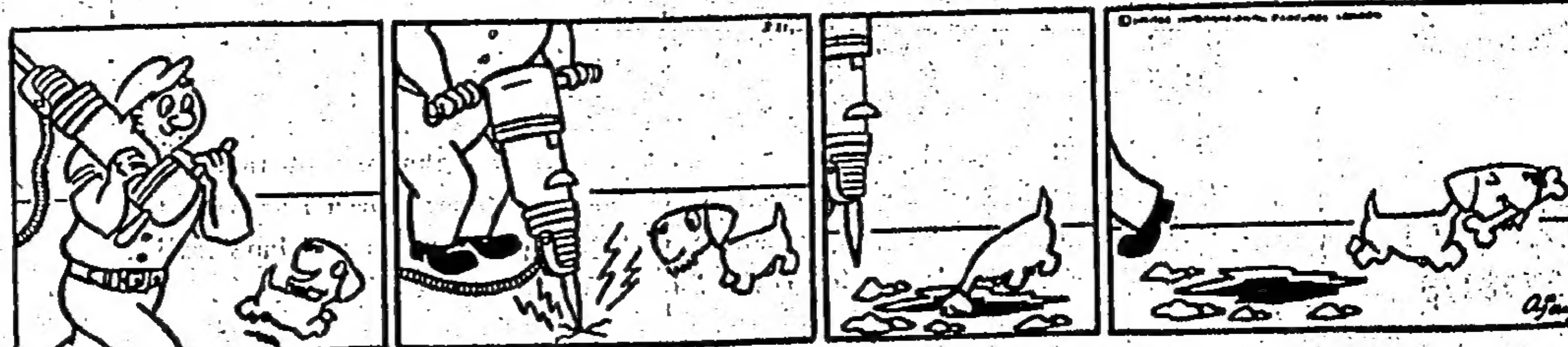
"American hospital," I murmured my wishes to them as I lost consciousness.

(Tomorrow: Mrs. Kasenkina concludes her story.)



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## U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

## CANDIDATES' LAST APPEAL TO ELECTORS

New York, Nov. 1.—The Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates in the United States elections concluded today eight gruelling weeks of speech-making with a non-political bipartisan appeal to 95 million American citizens of voting age to exercise their patriotic duty of voting at tomorrow's general election.

The appeal is regarded necessary because in the past decade a larger proportion of citizens have failed to vote than in other democracies.

President Truman, in a final appeal for votes, said in a nationwide broadcast that a Democratic victory "is our best insurance against going back to the dark days of 1932."

## Slogans Exhort Soviet Workers

Moscow, Nov. 1.—The Central Committee of the Soviet Union Communist Party called for a "mighty fleet of the Soviet State" and exhorted soldiers to strengthen the might of the Soviet armed forces in a series of 52 slogans broadcast by Moscow Radio for the 32nd anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, November 7.

Other slogans called for an increased effort in all branches of Soviet industry and agriculture, higher production of coal and oil, vehicles, and at the same time demanded the strictest economy and lower production costs.

One slogan called on "workers of all lands" to "expose the aggressive plans of the instigators of a new war and consolidate the forces of democracy in the struggle for lasting peace and the security of the peoples."

Moscow and the whole country are preparing for the anniversary celebrations and cities and small towns are arranging for their supplies of bunting and flags for streets, public buildings and shops.

Electricians and artists are busy decorating Moscow and all the 17 towers of the Kremlin will be repainted and lighted with neon signs and coloured lights.

The anniversary of the Revolution is celebrated on November 7 but, according to the Julian Calendar, used in force in Russia, the Revolution took place on October 25.

The Gregorian Calendar—in force in Western lands—was adopted by the Soviet administration in 1918.—Reuter.

## Paddy Crop Threatened

Rangoon, Nov. 2.—Burma's Red and White Flag Communist Parties in the rice growing delta district of Pyapon are threatening to destroy the new paddy crop due to be harvested this month, it was officially stated in Rangoon on Monday.

The Communists are also threatening to prevent the transport of rice to the port for export, the report said.

According to the report, the Communists are demanding that the farmers allow them to reap the harvest for their own needs.

Rebels in the mid-Western Nyaung-U district on Monday attacked the hospital at Natogyi and looted the town's medical supplies, a military communiqué stated.

In Rangoon, the Burmese Press reported that members of the Criminal Investigation Department and the Special Police Branch decided at a meeting here to resign if the Government does not accede to the demands for the restoration of pre-war salaries. The CID and the Special Branch of the Police would form Special Committees to protect Burma's citizens.—Associated Press.

## CLARE LUCE ROBBED

New York, 1.—Mrs Clare Boothe Luce, playwright and ex-Congresswoman from Connecticut, reported today that thieves stole US\$35,000 in jewellery from her Waldorf-Astoria suite early Sunday as she and her husband slept.

Hotel detectives were summoned to the Luce's 23rd floor suite in Waldorf Towers shortly after Mrs Luce missed her jewellery at 8.15 a.m. as she dressed to go to church.

She reported that a diamond ring, valued at US\$25,000, a pair of diamond earrings, a wristwatch and a gold compact were missing.

The Waldorf management said there was a possibility Mrs Luce had not brought her jewels to New York and she might find them safe at her home in Greenwich, Connecticut. She is returning there tonight to vote tomorrow.

The City police were not called until mid-afternoon and by that time Mrs Luce had left the hotel to keep an appointment. Her wealthy husband, Henry Luce, publisher of Time, Life and Fortune magazines, returned to the suite, which, they allege, permanently.—United Press.

The long Democratic tenure of office in the White House began when Franklin Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover in the 1932 election. President Truman told his listeners "Go to the polls tomorrow and vote your convictions, your hopes and your faith in the future of a nation that, under God, can lead the world to freedom and to peace."

He spoke from the living room of his home in Independence, Missouri, with Mrs Truman and his daughter, Margaret, by his side. "I believe that the Democratic Party is the Party of the people," he said. "I believe that through the Democratic Party all classes of our citizens will receive fair treatment and more security."

## AMERICA'S DIVINE MISSION

"I believe in particular that the industrial workers, the farmers and the small business men of this country can best protect themselves against reaction and against inflation through the Democratic Party."

"I believe with all my heart and soul that God Almighty has intended the United States of America to lead the world to peace. We were in that position 30 years ago. We failed to meet our obligation then and World War II was the result."

"This time, we must live up to our opportunity to establish a permanent peace for the greatest good in human history," said the President.

Between 47 and 50 million citizens are generally expected to vote tomorrow. The polling booths usually open at dawn. The improvised polling stations in disused offices, basements, shops and schoolhouses will be continuously opening up. The first to close will be those of Eastern Kentucky. The last to close down will be those in the Far Western States of Washington on the Pacific Coast.

The tumult and the shouting of the election campaigns were stilling today.

President Truman spent the day at several of those typically American non-political functions in which he always seems to take such pleasure and delight—a breakfast with the local Red Cross Association of Independence, Missouri, and a parade of the local Missouri National Guard through the little hometown in which he played as a boy.

Mr Thomas Dewey inspected the cattle on his dairy farm in upper New York State and then motored leisurely to New York City for his "get out the vote" broadcast to-night.

Up to the last minute the supporters of both candidates declared themselves confident of victory.

The press almost unanimously, the organisers of pre-election polls and many Democrats who were actually voting for President Truman, said: "It will be Dewey."

If it "is Dewey" and a Republican Administration is elected, it will be one of the far-reaching overturns in American political history.

The Democratic Roosevelt-Truman Administration has been in power since 1933.

Only once before in modern American history, after the Civil War, has any major political party remained as long out of office as the Republicans.

In the United States today there are 52 million persons, more than one-third of the population, who had not even been born when the last Republican President was elected in 1928. Some 60 million people—or nearly 45 per cent of the population—were under ten years of age when Franklin Roosevelt became President in 1933 and, therefore, have no practical knowledge of what a Republican Administration is like.

Twenty-nine million persons, or about one quarter of the inhabitants of the United States at the time President Hoover took office have since died.—Reuter.

## Princess Appoints Second Nurse

London, Nov. 1.—Princess Elizabeth has appointed Miss Mabel Anderson, aged 22, to be the second nurse to the birth of her baby. Miss Anderson was born in Boodle and is a daughter of the late Police Constable James Anderson, who was killed in a May, 1941, blitz.

After his death, Mrs Anderson and her two daughters went to live in Scotland where Miss Anderson was nursemaid to a Scottish family. More recently she was nursemaid to an American family living near London.

She was chosen from a number of nurses by Princess Elizabeth's chief nurse, and later by the Princess herself.—Reuter.



PIE FACE—Ralph Tallberg, 9, his face smeared with some of three big blueberry pies he ate, is acclaimed contest winner at Ansonia, Conn., by Alderman James W. Morgan, Jr. (left).

## Wheels Of Commerce Cease Turning In Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 2.—The wheels of commerce stopped turning in this financial hub of China as the government abolished price ceilings with which it had hoped to bolster its new Gold Yuan.

Businesses which had been forced to stay open despite emptied shelves closed down yesterday to restock and recoup. With the old official ceilings abolished, prices fluctuated wildly at levels anywhere from 300 to 500 percent above those frozen on August 19. No one knew what levels they'd settle down at. "With military disasters piling up on economic chaos that had been shaping up since that date, no one in fact seemed to know anything about what is coming."

During the past two months people in Shanghai have been calling themselves guinea pigs of austerity. Ten weeks of the government's last economic reforms turned this well-stocked metropolis into what looked like a starving city. It still looked like it yesterday.

Working people, unblest with servants or the time to stand for hours in queues, have been without rice, cooking oil, coal and other necessities for weeks. This despite a comparative good harvest and plenty of beef on the hoof.

## COAL VANISHES

Coal, which glutted the market two months ago, has vanished. And the flour that's still going into what little bread produced here tastes as if it's been kept a long time in a dank cellar.

Why? The answer is that one, Shanghai's guinea pigs say, is simple—the government enforced, price ceilings were 10 inflated weeks old and producers couldn't produce and sellers couldn't sell under them.

Questions that are bothering the businessman, clerk and coolie in Shanghai and the rest of urban China is, "Why did the government bring this situation about? Was it necessary? What good did it do?" The stock answer of the politically starry-eyed: China is in the midst of a civil war that is ravaging the country.

The stock comeback: did economic confusion and scarcity in the cities, idling of factories and a gathering storm of labour unrest help in winning civil war?

## FINAL SURRENDER

To judge by the military developments of the past month it did not. The government's final surrender on the price issue has left the economic picture, snarled and confused. GX10,000,000 public utility deficit in Shanghai, the question of wages, salaries, foreign exchange, imports and exports are still obscured by the dust that's been raised.

And Shanghai's guinea pigs, looking through the dust at the political and military storm threatening to engulf China, wonder whether it would settle before newer and bigger dust storms sweep down on them.—Associated Press.

## Communists Preparing Offensive

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They were Sydney Winton of the British American Tobacco Company, H. F. Phillips, manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank branch, and his wife.

This left no British businessmen in Mukden where the only Britons now are the Consul General and two assistants and some 14 missionaries.—Associated Press.

## ARMS FOR CHIANG

Washington, Nov. 1.—The United States gave approval to US\$5,000,000 of arms purchase by China over the weekend as the Communists won control of Manchuria.

Government officials said today disbursements from the US\$125,000,000 which the U.S. Congress voted for military aid to the hard-pressed Nationalist government have mounted to about US\$110,000,000. The total last Friday was US\$109,000,000.

Shipment of American-made ammunition for small arms and military equipment of many kinds has been speeded up by the collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's forces in Manchuria. But the effort to bolster President Chiang is reported to have been complicated by loss of large quantities of American munitions in the fighting around Mukden.

Chinese sources said ammunition now being shipped in U.S. government vessels included substantial quantities of 30 calibre rifle and machinegun cartridges designed to fit weapons of types lost to the Communists in Manchuria.

President Chiang's troops also use a "Generalissimo" rifle of 7.92 millimetre calibre for which they cannot obtain ammunition from American Army stores.

A leftover World War II lot of 139,000 of these cartridges was turned over to the Chinese last year.

## NORTH CHINA DEFENCE

While Manchuria is lost, some officials believe that the aid which the U.S. is able to give the Nationalists will be important in the defence of North China.

Officials said altogether the Chinese are using their US\$125,000,000 for US\$67,500,000 worth of army equipment, US\$28,500,000 for Air Force supplies and US\$29,000,000 for Navy needs.

The White House has disclosed that President Harry Truman last July directed Defence Secretary James Forrestal to help the Chinese acquire their military needs and make available arms from military stores on a "replacement basis." This speeded up procurement, officials said, and last month the largest arms order to date was placed.

Meantime there have been shipments of radio and signal equipment from Hawaii, under a surplus property contract with the Chinese.

Small arms ammunition has been the most pressing need of the Nationalist armies all along because of the nature of the fighting in China. American equipment reported lost by the Nationalist forces in Manchuria was supplied under a wartime agreement. The U.S. undertook to direct the training of 39 divisions and equip them in part with American weapons. Several of these divisions are reported in press dispatches to have been in Manchuria.—Associated Press.

## Berliners Must Rely On "Warming Centres" For This Winter's Social Life

Berlin, Nov. 1.—Social life in blockaded Berlin this winter will revolve around unused restaurants, barracks, refugee camps and air raid shelters.

There Berliners will find reading material, cultural programmes, sewing classes and entertainments. They will also find warmth.

To accommodate Germans fleeing their cold homes, around 300 "warming centres" will be opened as soon as winter really arrives.

The "warming centres," buildings where people may go to keep warm, were set-up in the severe winter of two years ago to combat the cold that German health officials estimated took more than 250 lives in Berlin.

## LESS COAL

This winter, German and Allied officials alike fear, need for the centres may be as great as two years ago. Because of the Soviet blockade, Berliners, as well as Allied residents of the city, will not receive as much coal as they did last winter.

"Berliners will not freeze to death," said Wilmer Froistad, chief of the American public welfare branch in Berlin military government. "They will just freeze."

The exact amount of coal and wood Berliners will receive this winter has not yet been set, but Mr Froistad expressed the opinion that the coal ration would be from 30 to 50 per cent less than last year.

To offset this cut, Mr Froistad, a former Red Cross official in California and the state of Washington, said that the centres would not only be increased but would open earlier than last year.

He called the centres "social centres in a half frozen city... islands of warmth surrounded by cold."

## THE ONLY HITCH

The only hitch in the plan to re-establish the warming centres is the electricity shortage. Because Russia has cut off all power shipments to the western sectors, Germans in western Berlin get only four hours electricity daily—two hours in the day, and two at night.

Unless special power allotments are given the centres, they will have to close down at nightfall when the need for them might be greatest, Mr Froistad said.

He said that in addition to heat the centres would provide books and magazines, games for children, occasional entertainment and cultural programmes in an effort to make them real community centres.

Mr Froistad was formerly a Red Cross director of social work in

Bremerton and Olympia, Washington, and Assistant director of personnel for the San Francisco Red Cross chapter.—United Press.

## Calling The Bully's Bluff

New York, Nov. 1.—Russian ships should be barred from using the Suez, Panama and Kiel Canals and no more crude rubber should be sent by America and Britain to the Soviet Union, according to Major General William J. Donovan.

Gen. Donovan, former head of the U.S. Office of Strategic Service (Security), speaking at a Republican veterans' rally in New York suggested those measures to "call the bully's bluff."

"The only way we are going to have peace is by showing that we are bigger, stronger and more determined and that we are going to have peace by compulsion," Gen. Donovan said. "To have peace you got to take the risk of war."—Associated Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
Closing Times by Air  
Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Taingtau, Peiping and Hellow, 3.30 p.m.  
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Ordinary Air Mail (printed matters, samples and small parcel post) for Manila, Swatow, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.  
Closing Times by Sea & Train  
Macao and Tainan (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Kongmoon (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
Closing Times by Air  
Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 9 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., (GPO) 3.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.  
Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord);  
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord);  
Peiping, Amoy, Tainan, Taingtau, 9.30 a.m.

Closing Times by Sea & Train  
Saigon (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Manila, Sandakan, Rahaut, Australia, and New Zealand via Sydney (Sea) 1.30 p.m. (reg & ord); 2 p.m. (ord);  
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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

SEVERAL years ago Parks Johnson brought his "Vox Pop" programme to the Eastern States contract bridge tournament in New York City. Just recently I had the pleasure of playing bridge with Warren Hull, who is now associated with Parks on the programme.

In the 16 years that this show has been in existence, it has travelled more than a million miles, and Warren says that in every country they visited, they managed to get up a bridge game. He said it was a little cold up in Alaska when he played today's hand, and he also was a little shaky about making the contract. But he handled it well.

He won the opening lead of the queen of diamonds. With the king, it looked as if the only problem was the club finesse, but Warren was shaky about it, because if it failed, his contract would go down. However, if he could find West with the blank ace of spades or the ace and one spade, he thought he had a chance to make the contract without the finesse.

He cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed the five of diamonds in dummy, led back the five of hearts and won in his own hand with the queen. At this point I told Warren that the hand reminded me of one of the questions Parks had asked when we were on the "Vox Pop" programme. He had wanted to know what poker hand is often called "The Washington Monument".

The answer is three fives, because the monument is 555 feet tall, and five-spots were playing an important part in this hand.

The six of hearts was won in dummy with the king, and on the heart ace Warren discarded the five of clubs. He led back the seven of hearts, trumped it in his own hand, and then came the all important play. If he had led the king of spades, West could have won it and got out.

## CROSSWORD

- Across
- 1 and 9—Our greatest honour.
  - 2—A beautiful red colour.
  - 3—A far from well.
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## DUMB BELLS

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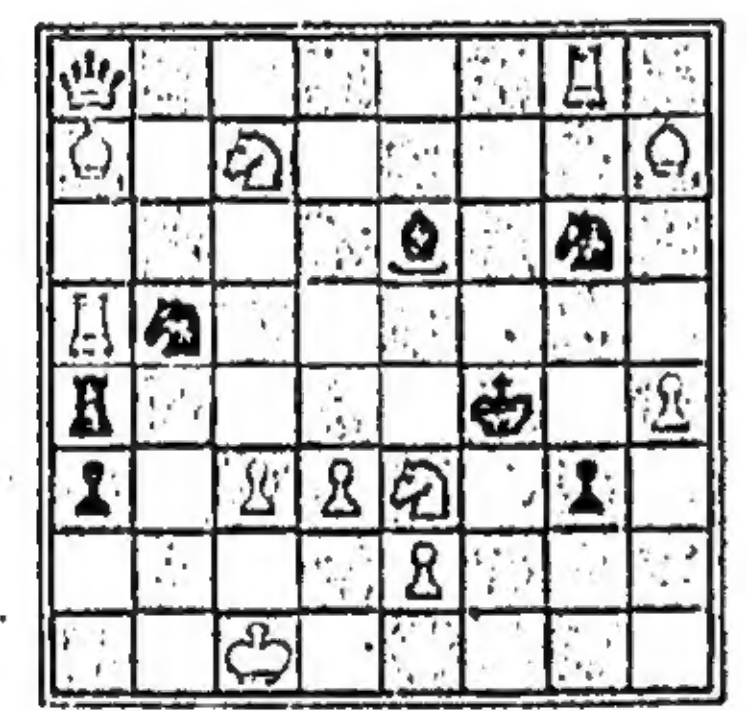


## Check Your Knowledge

1. What female butterfly has perfect wings, cannot fly, yet gave its name to a famous aeroplane?
2. What is radar?
3. Who wrote "Lili Marlene"?
4. In what country is the bird of paradise found almost exclusively?
5. Of what metal is bronze composed?
6. What does the French word "soulpon" mean?

(Answers on Column 5)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY  
Black, 7 pieces.

White, 12 pieces.  
Write to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1 K-Kt5, any; 2 Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

with the seven-spot. He had to try to get West to make a mistake.

He led the five of spades, and sure enough West did make the mistake of not going up with the ace, so dummy won the trick with the eight-spot. Now a spade was led from dummy, Warren put on the jack and West had to win. He had no more hearts. If he led a diamond, Warren would get a stuff and a ruff. He led a club, which, of course, was right into the tennace position and gave Warren the contract.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BORN today, you may become a tremendous power in the world and whether it is for good or ill depends almost entirely upon you and the ideals to which you hold. The stars have been exceptionally kind in bestowing talents upon you. Your magnetic personality draws people to your standard, and once you have made up your mind on an issue, you are not to be shaken. You will make a lifetime enemy rather than concede. Unless you are always in a position to give directions to others, you may find this a hardship.

You have good judgment, but are inclined to be hot-tempered at times and to show your impatience with those who are not as alert mentally as you are. You are exactly what you think.

Being exceptionally fond of beauty and with an excellent colour sense, you should use this gift in the field of art. You enjoy travelling and will probably visit many far places. Interested in the occult sciences, you probably would find the Orient of deep interest.

You will do your best creative work when in harmonious surroundings. If you find yourself among people who continually are rubbing you the wrong way, make a real effort to change your environment.

To be completely happy, wed at an early age, for your love nature is strongly marked and you will be happiest if surrounded by your own family who love and understand you as no one else can.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If entertaining today, you should be especially successful. Romance may also hand you a very pleasant surprise. Be on the lookout for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Go to any extreme to avoid a quarrel today. Be diplomatic and side-step acting on matters of importance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Minor difficulties should not be permitted to mar an otherwise excellent day for both social and artistic pursuits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be patient and tolerant of everyone today and you can easily avoid unnecessary sorrow. Be optimistic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A fair day for normal activities, but don't start a new project until later. Merchandising can be all right.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Experience will help you to make a profit now if you have planned things well. Push your plans to completion.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If contemplating a journey by water, this could be a good day for beginning it. Shipping affairs in commerce are also favoured.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Don't be suspicious or doubtful. Take a positive attitude and all should turn out even better than anticipated.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Protect your health. It is a better day for retrenchment than for expansion. Safeguard all your assets. Be cautious.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Take care in dealing with elderly persons. If a paper needs signing, postpone it. New plans, too, can wait for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Moderation can bring you better success than you may have anticipated. Make social and business gains now.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Restlessness and haste can cause considerable trouble, so go ahead slowly and think before speaking or acting.

## SCIENCE AT WORK

## LIGHT ON A DANGEROUS DISEASE CARRIER

By PAUL F. ELLIS

THE spider need not worry that he'll have stomach ulcers such as plague many a man.

The spider digests most of his food before eating it. That's why he can devour backbone animals, such as lizards and fish, which they kill with their poison fangs.

Such new information on the spider comes from R. E. Snodgrass, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in a report issued by the Smithsonian Institution. His report is an exhaustive description of the feeding organs of an insect group, including spiders, mites and ticks.

Snodgrass also found that ticks smell with their front legs, and that the tick of today as well as the spider has changed little since the days of old.

"Noses" On Legs

Snodgrass reports that some ticks have their "noses" on their front legs.

When the legs are amputated, the studies show, the tick gives no reaction to odours. It cannot smell blood but will feed on almost any kind of liquid through a moist, warm membrane like skin.

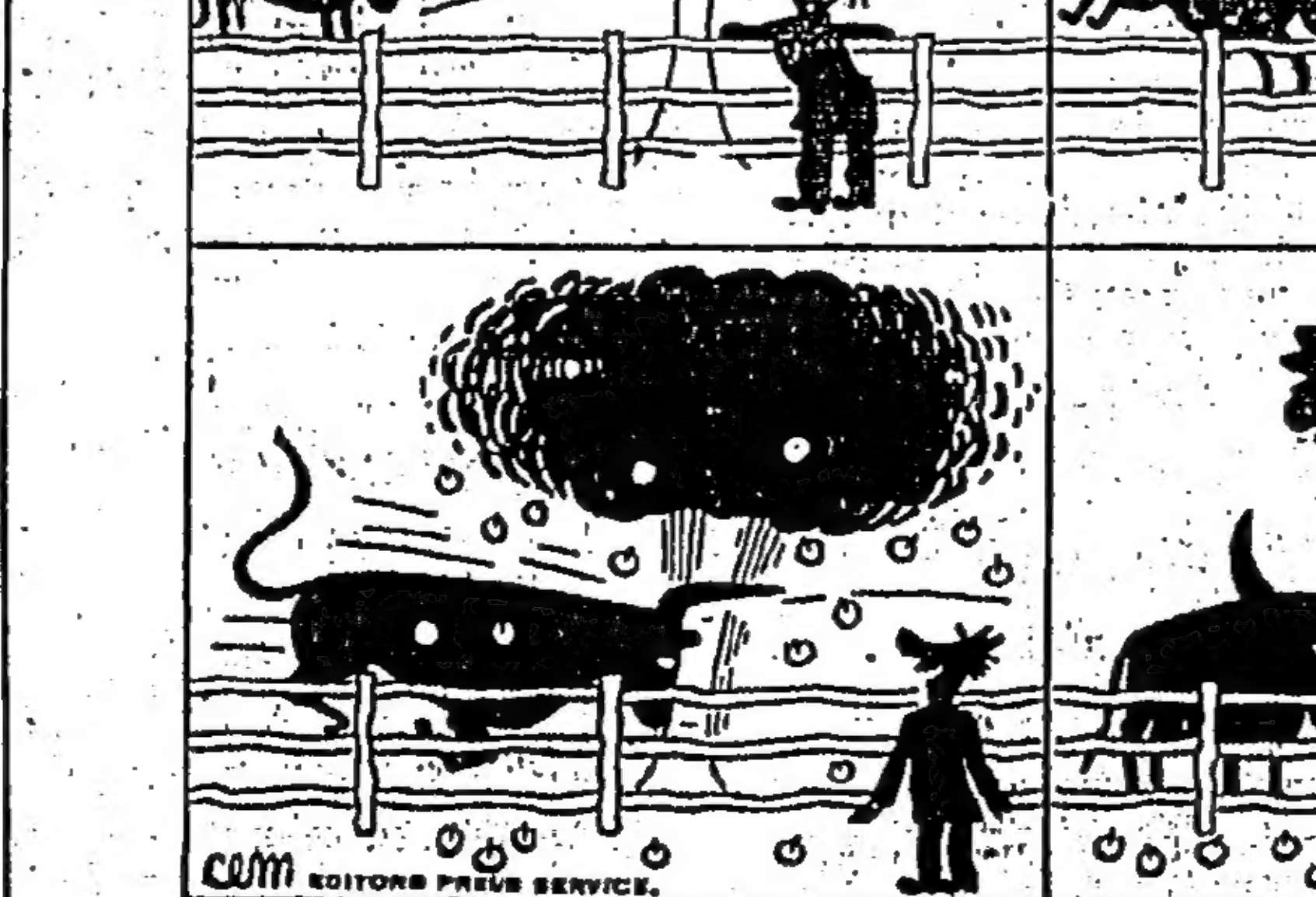
Presumably according to Snodgrass, a tick in nature recognises an animal as the proper source for its food by a sense of smell, while a combination of warmth and moisture from the skin gives a stimulus for feeding.

The tick is a blood-sucking animal and is a dangerous disease carrier. That is why science is interested in finding out about its feeding habits. Perhaps the day will come when man can make himself unpalatable to ticks.

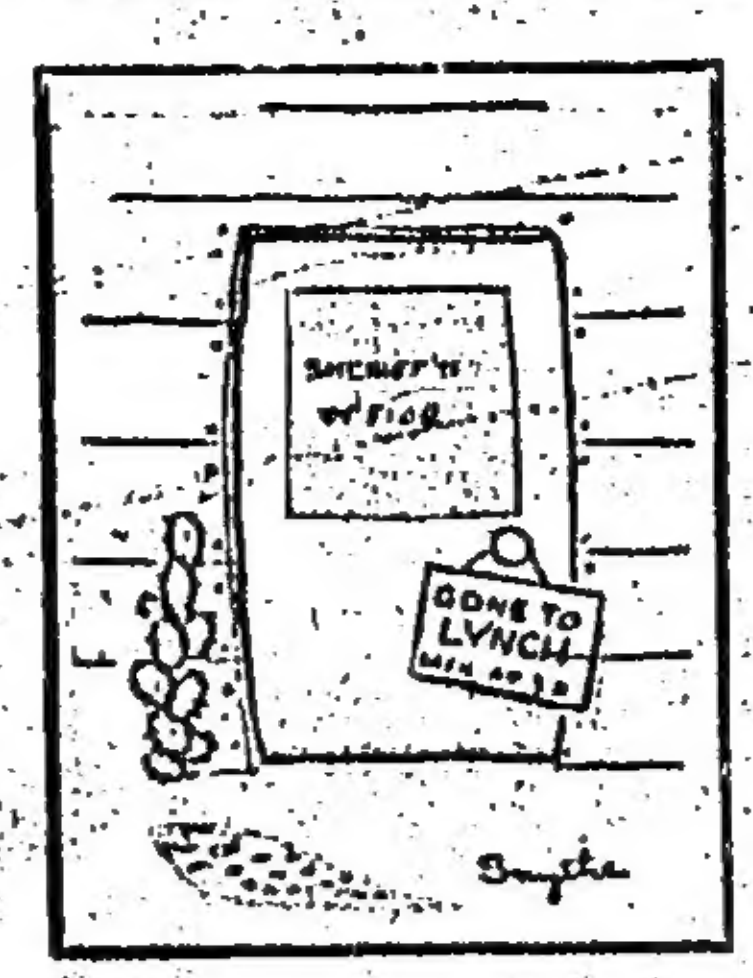
(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

Radio Hongkong

HKT 6, Programme Summary: 6.0, Children's Story; "Stories for a Queen"; A Fairy Tale by Grimm (BBC); 6.2, Drinking Songs; 6.40, Pete Valderrama and the Piano (Studio); 7, World and Home News (London Relay); 7.15, "See Tee" Talks on Sport (Studio); 7.30, "Memories" Presented by Allen Woods (Studio); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, University Programme: Medicine No 8; "A Specialist Surgeon" by Professor G. Jefferson (BBC); 8.30, D.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 8.15, A Short Story: "The Amateur Alchemist" written and Read by Jack Shepherd (Studio); 9.30, "Elements of the Orchestra" A Talk by the Rev. Fr. T. P. Ryan, S.J. No 9; "Trombone and Tuba" (Studio); 10, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Eric Barker, "Waterlogged Spies" (London Relay); 10.45, Variety at the Moulin Rouge; 11.35, Weather Report and Close Down.



## POCKET CARTOON



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE collection of athletes' breath in little pigskin bags, to which I referred yesterday, is to be carried a step further. Each runner will have one of the bags attached to his mouth, and will be accompanied by a chemist on horseback.

Each horse will be tested in a similar manner, and it is hoped that the analysis of human and animal breath will enable science to determine the difference between horses and men and to explain why a horse can run faster than a man. (See Professor Panfret's "How Much Does A Horse Breathe?" in the current "The Peppers' Argus.")

## The drink situation

AS Foulencough and his host sat in the library, Lord Shortcake said, after clearing his throat noisily: "Er, by the way, Lady Shortcake and I were wondering if this business of tutoring young Mortimer could be—er—settled."

Recollecting that he had been in the house a week, Foulencough wondered how the supplies of drink were holding out.

He therefore replied, as though any discussion of a business nature was rather distasteful to him, "Yes, Oh, yes. Of course. By the way, this is first-rate sherry. Have you much of it?" "Very little left," replied Shortcake. "Very little of anything left. Whisky nearly finished."

Foulencough nodded gravely. I don't think that boy Mortimer takes to me much," he said. "Hardly the job for me, perhaps."

"The perhaps" was intended to reserve the right to another day's drinking.

## Bishop and actress

LIKE the story about Gaby Deslyze in Sir Osbert Sitwell's autobiography. When she was dancing at the Palace Theatre before the 1914-18 war a bishop complained of her indecent costume. When told of this she said, "I love your bishops, but they show too much leg."

The fact that Barrie once wrote a revue for Gaby Deslyze has always seemed to me a bit of literary history worth remembering. But I have never believed the tale that Henry James wrote a song for Lottie Collins to sing at the old Oxford Music Hall.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Gypsy Moth. 2. An electric device for detecting the presence of objects ahead. 3. Norbert Schultze, German. 4. New Guinea. 5. Copper and tin. 6. Small quantity of flavouring, quality, etc.

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## Almost Nothing For Reparations

New York, Nov. 1.—Warlike destruction of Japan and Germany was so complete that almost nothing worthwhile is left for the Allies to take as reparations, according to Clifford Strike, president of the construction firm of F. H. McGraw and Co.

## LATE RALLY IN RUBBER FUTURES

New York, Nov. 1.—Rubber futures today rallied feebly at the close of the session due to technical and pre-holiday covering, but demand was discouragingly flat. Standard rubber closed 30 to 35 points lower, with sales totalling 50 contracts. No. 1 rubber closed 50 to 60 points lower, with sales totalling 95 contracts.

The business in the London market and the falling off in factory demand is deepening the bearish sentiment.

Buyers are expected to maintain their position on the sidelines in view of the fact that production is exceeding consumption and that the Government is supplying the needs of industry through the resale of low grades.

Some observers are of the opinion that, unless domestic demand picks up, the Singapore market will find difficulty in holding a premium over the domestic basis.

Prices closed as follows—Standard Contract Rubber.

November (in cents per lb.)	20.60 nominal
January (1949)	20.45 nominal
February	20.35
March	20.25 nominal
April	20.15
May	20.05
June	19.95
July	19.85
August	19.75
September	19.65
October	19.55
November	19.45
December	19.35
January (1950)	19.25
No. 1 Contract Rubber	20.55 bid
March (1949)	20.52 nominal
April	20.50 bid
May	20.48 nominal
June	20.46 nominal
July	20.44
August	20.42
September	20.40
October	20.38
November	20.36
December	20.34
January (1950)	20.32

LONDON FUTURES  
London, Nov. 1.—Rubber futures in the market today closed as follows:  
October/December ..... 12-1/4  
(in pence per lb.) ..... 12-3/16  
January/February ..... 12-1/8  
April/June ..... 12-1/8

BARTER AGREEMENT  
Batavia, Nov. 1.—A trade commission from China has begun work here on a barter agreement for exchanging Chinese textiles for Indian rubber.

A nine-man commission, the first of its kind from China since the war, is expected to complete arrangements, which were begun with the Commercial Counsellor to the Netherlands Embassy in Nanking—Associated Press.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Nov. 1.—Shareholders clung tight to stocks of British steel companies today in the face of a strong buyer demands for shares in the best known of 107 iron and steel firms which the British Government intends to nationalise.

Prices moved very narrowly, however, at levels slightly below those the Government will pay for the shares when and if it buys out the railways. The Government compensation prices are to be computed from Stock Exchange prices at previously selected dates.

Most shares were marked up slightly by jobbers at the opening today after a week-end which showed what the Government takeover payments would be—Associated Press.

## ARGENTINE PAYMENTS

London, Nov. 1.—The Central Argentine Railway today distributed £11,137,603 to holders of preference, ordinary, and deferred stocks.

This was the second largest distribution of compensation money to shareholders of the former British-owned railway in Argentina.

Out of the amount of £42,000,000 due to the stockholders of the railway company, a total of £18,849,000 has been distributed—United Press.

## Coconut Oil Exports To Hongkong

Singapore, Nov. 2.—Singapore exported just under 70 tons of coconut oil to Hongkong in September, the Registrar of Statistics announced.

The Federation of Malaya produced 10,403 tons of copra in September—Associated Press.

## STEADY UNDERTONE

New York, Nov. 1.—The copra market continued dull today but the undertone was more steady. The price was around US\$208 a short ton, CIF, Pacific Coast, on the basis of a reported bid of US\$275 CIF, Atlantic Coast, with sellers asking US\$280.

The coconut oil market remained unchanged at 23 1/2 cents a pound, nominal—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	25.00
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Gold bars (per 100)	306.00
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## HONGKONG SHARES

There was a slackening off in activity on the Stock Exchange this morning. The turnover amounted to \$133,390. Transactions and noon prices follow:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS	101 1/2		
HSBC (1949)			
HSBC	1000		
INSURANCES			
Canion	370		
Union	75	620	400 @ 9
Underwriters			
Waterboard	37 1/2		200 @ 37 1/2
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	140		
Doek	20 1/2		
Provident	22 1/2		
LAND, ETC.			
HSBC Hotel	1520	1500 @ 15.30	
HSBC Land	150 @ 7 1/2		
Shal Land	500 @ 6.50		
Humphreys	7 1/2	150 @ 7	
UTILITIES			
Tram	21 70		
Star Ferry	135	100 @ 135	
C. Light (O)	24.40		
C. Light (N)	22 1/2		
Electric	30	40	500 @ 40
Telephone	41 1/2		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	28		
Rope	20.70		
STONES			
Watson (O)	62	500 @ 62	
Watson (N)			500 @ 57 1/2
COTTONS			
Ewo			200 @ 10 1/2

## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Nov. 1.—The British pound note was quoted in the unofficial market here today at US\$47.77—United Press.

Foreign Exchange	New York, Nov. 1.
Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$20.77
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	20.67
Australia	0.660
Belgium	0.225
Canada	0.225
China	0.225
France	0.225
India	0.225
Mexico	0.225
New Zealand	0.225
Portugal	0.225
South Africa	0.225
Sweden	0.225
Switzerland	0.225
Uruguay	0.225
Venezuela	0.225
Yokohama	0.225
London	47.77
Hongkong	47.77

## POUND NOTE

New York, Nov. 1.—The British pound note was quoted in the unofficial market here today at US\$47.77—United Press.

## CHINA PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

Commodity	New York, Nov. 1.
Almond oil, per lb. F.O.B.	US\$4.80/82
Cashew oil, per lb. F.O.B.	2.00/2.20
Assam Assam, per lb. F.O.B.	3.15/3.25
New York	
Sandwood, in drums, depending on quantity	13.00 nom.
Tung oil, in tank cars, F.O.B. New York, per lb.	0.21-1/2 nom.
Beryllium, (10 to 12 percent) per ton	24,000/25,000
Molybdenum, (90 percent) per lb.	0.45

## BRISTLES

Bristles were quoted FOB New York per lb. as follows:

Linkow, regular assortment	US\$4.50 nominal
Chungking regular assortment	2.35
Shanghai regular assortment	2.2



